

The Power of Readiness, Part 7 "Ready for Sex and Religion?" *Slide Notations*

"Prepare your mind for action, be sober, keep confidently looking to the end for the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ! As obedient children of God don't let yourself be shaped by the lusts you had when you lived in ignorance. As He is holy who called you, so you be holy in your lifestyle because it is written, 'Be holy, because I am holy!'" **1Peter 1.13-16**

Peter says: Rev up your minds, be clear headed and alert, keep looking ahead to heaven, don't let yourself be world shaped, live the life, "Be like ME!"

"Don't be shaped by this world but be reformed by the renewing of your mind so that you can prove what is God's good, acceptable and perfect will! R12.2 For the ones that God foresaw coming to Him, He also predetermined to be jointly formed into the image of His dear Son, and the predetermined, He also called, and made innocent, and made glorious!" **R8.29,30**

Paul says: Don't be world shaped, change out your mind, renewing it from the Word, progressing to God's perfect will, You have been called and cleared, to be like Him!

"So don't become friends with the world, because friendship with the world makes you an opponent of God! Let me say it again, whoever is the friend of the world makes himself to be the enemy of God! **Jam 4.4** So, love not the world, nor the things that are in the world... the world with it's lusts is passing away... but you, doing the will of God, are forever! **1J2.15ff**

James and John say: Don't be a world lover, friend w/the world makes you an opponent of God, the world is passing away, but like Him, we are alive forever!

Recaps; We're going to get the Words of god in us so we can walk thru this life hand in hand with Him//Forewarned we will conquer the life/death issues of our earthly reality by the eternal life power of our heavenly actuality// Reality/dual kingdoms + truth/devil's limitations = Christian success, kingdom multiplication and eternal gratification// Powers are released to meet sexual temptations, religious/ social/political and economic shifts when we are readied!

Sexual temptations vs. wholeness... This week multiple adultery/ fornication, all *porneia*... sexual sins... Not belaboring the point, but laboring to strengthen our **Christian defenses...** **Sexual temptations are a Church problem!**

Danger increases as we're stressed/elevated/worn// "*safe today... but day going away!*"
Must keep renewing ourselves/faith **Phil 3.1, Jude 20, Ro 10.17, 2Pet 3.1...**

"In the last days strength will wane, men will be lovers of themselves and pleasures more than lovers of God, they have the look of godliness but *they deny the power of it!* – from such, turn away! Ever learning but never coming to the truth; they are men of corrupt minds, reprobate of faith..." **2T3.1-7**

"Fornication and all uncleanness, let it not be once named among us as saints. For we know that no whore-monger, unclean, covetous, idolater has any inheritance in the kingdom of God. **E4.3-5**

"Put to death the things tying us to this earth; like fornication... **Col 3.5**

"Flee fornication! It's a sin against your own body. To avoid fornication let every man and woman find their mate and marry. Let them satisfy one another, not holding back from each other, except for mutually agreed times of prayer and fasting – let them come together again soon so that Satan doesn't tempt them in the abstinence!" **1Cor 7.1ff**

"Let your fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of your youth. Let her be your desire, let her breasts satisfy you at all times, be ravished with her love, always. Why would you trade real intimacy for a cheap thrill with an adulterous, promiscuous stranger?" **Pr 5.18-20**

Sexual temptation is a very real issue for every believer to deal with during these times! And holiness must be maintained/all!

Thoughts are as dangerous as actions. Fantasies are as destructive as reality.

"Every person who has the hope of seeing Jesus and being like Him... they purify themselves, to be pure as He is!"

What scriptures will form your guard rails, or safety net, from falling into the pride of life, the lust of the flesh and eyes, the desire for strange flesh, *the fraying bonds of an unkempt marriage, the notice and reach of the Troller?*

Religious shifts! Talked about Eastern philosophy pervading our society... Entering our business day... Finding home in our churches... Getting us to hand over our kids... ["I didn't know..."] [...it was loaded!"] Ignorance doesn't change the fact that someone has been hurt/wounded/died

How many have heard about New Age shift; "church of Oprah" (Oprah video)

Believe what we are seeing is the precipitation of the apostasy...

"Don't be deceived, the end will not come until there is *a falling away first* and then the man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or worshipped..." **2Th 2.3**

Oprah has the unique ability to start the avalanche of the Great Apostasy! She is one of the richest and most influential voices in the world. Not the anti-Christ, but a deceived mouthpiece for an anti-Christ message, deceiving the unwary... **(2T 3.13)**

What is your biblical answer to that? No one needs your *opinion!* What scriptures comprise your guard rails, or safety net, from the deception?

"The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine but after their own lusts will find teachers and turn away from truth *to fables!*" **2T4.3,4**

Hearing His words... many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. "Will you turn away too?" "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life and we believe and are sure that You are the Son of the Living God!" **J6.68,69**

"Take heed that no one deceives you. Many will come in My name saying, I am Christ, and will deceive many... and many false prophets will rise, deceiving many, and because sin will abound the love of many will grow cold. False Christ's and false prophets will show great signs and wonders – so convincing that if it was possible – even the elect would be deceived! And if the time was not shortened, no flesh would be saved, but for the elect's sake, the days have been shortened! I am telling you in advance so you won't be deceived!" **Mt 24.1-25**

"Believe not every spirit but try the spirits to see if they are of God for many false prophets are in the world." **1J4.1**

What will you do, or say, when people close to you begin pulling away from the narrow way? Will you stand alone when the storm comes?

"Clothed in the whole armor of God I will be able to stand in the day of evil – and having done all I can – I will stand..." **Eph 6.13**

We have choices to make, based on the forewarning, forearming, words of God... by them we will serve our futures and eternities, or w/o them we will die with our lusts!